

Mount Pleasant Community Planning Program (MPCCP)
CLG Meeting #3
Tuesday, February 5, 2008
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Native Education College
285 East 5th Avenue

Attendees: 33 local residents, COV Mount Pleasant Planning Team
(Peter Burch, Dana Walker, Angela Ko)

Guest speaker: COV EcoDensity Staff - Thor Kuhlmann

1. Opening Remarks - Peter Burch

2. EcoDensity Initiative Presentation - Thor Kuhlmann

- EcoDensity Initiative was commenced in 1996 to address sustainability, liveability, and affordability.
- What is EcoDensity? Community has told us: carefully located, well designed, green with amenities, a customised response, sensitive to heritage,
- Sustainability is the goal and density the tool, to benefit everyone
- EcoDensity is part of a network of other City initiatives like Green Building Strategy, Food Security Policy, Housing Affordability
- In November 2006, Council approved the EcoDensity Terms of Reference and consultation process started subsequently. In November 2007, Council referred a draft EcoDensity Charter and draft Initial Actions to public consultation.
- Draft Charter is a commitment document, sets out what we want to achieve and respecting existing policy. Draft Actions are ways to achieve the Charter and they are based on community comments, including 5 additional actions put forward by City Council.
- The first 2 Draft Initial Actions will be proceeded first but #4, #8, #9, and #17 could be of special interest to Mount Pleasant
- Refer to EcoDensity website www.vancouver.ca/ecodensity for details

3. Community Action Agenda (CAA) Council Report - Dana Walker

- mailing of Council Report on February 7, 2008 to all CLG
- The 4 social issues identified by Mount Pleasant Community in 2007 are support to the vulnerable; safety and security; open drug use and sex trade; and homelessness
- first meeting for the Social Coordinating Group is March 4, 6 to 8 pm at the Native Education College

SCG Objectives

- focus on tackling pressing social issues in Mount Pleasant
- utilize community expertise and existing initiatives to create tangible solutions
- help ensure appropriate and diverse groups and agencies are represented
- help ensure that the broader public and especially those impacted by any action projects/plans are involved
- provide appropriate consultation back to groups represented on the SCG and to the community at large

- utilize community experience in taking action on social issues by contributing to long-range community planning and policy-making

SCG Duties

- help to identify local issues and actions already underway
- participate in problem solving
- develop project, action and evaluation plans
- monitor and manage action projects/plans and activities
- contribute to long-term social sustainability policy, especially in Step 3 - Setting Community-wide Directions, in the Community Plan process
- contribute to and participate in a community engagement process, and help to ensure marginalized and hard-to-reach people are included

At the first SCG Meeting (staff)

1. Review ToR for the SCG (Approved by Council in April 2007)
2. Establish committee governance - communicating internally and externally
3. Review and understand the top four key issues and related (15) goals
4. Review and prioritize community identified actions, there are numerous (only 11 listed in Council report) actions and projects to be assessed.
5. Establish a Working Group or groups
6. Establish a 4 to 6 month? SCG Working Schedule: March to June/August, 08
7. Other - think of other committee ideas and bring them to the next meeting

Keeping in touch

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4. Shopping Areas Workshop Publicity

- A number of materials will be produced to promote the Shopping Areas Workshop in March including banners, invitation to the mailing list, flyers/poster to schools and commercial businesses
- Other publicity suggestions by CLG members:
 - provide flyers to CLG members for distribution, posting on existing websites like 'LivinginMountPleasant', ensuring materials will go to rental housing units
 - Consider location of banner and flyer/poster/handbill along Kingsway, Broadway & Main, 11th & Main, community garden sites, City Hall, Lee Building, #1 Kingsway, Kingsgate Mall, Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, empty city-owned sites, Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, transit shelters, schools, public library, video stores

6. Updates

Broadway and Fraser Supportive Housing

- Vancouver Native Housing Society was announced recently as the sponsoring group for the housing project
- COV Project Coordinator will engage CLG on next step to engage directly with the proponent on design issues

Creative City Cultural Plan

- Creative City Cultural Plan is an overview on the priorities for culture and supporting culture in Vancouver for the next ten year. Plan was adopted by Council on January 29, 2008.
- Next step is for staff to report to Council on implementation strategies in June 2008.
- Refer to www.vancouver.ca/creativecity for details

UBC Millennium Line Extension

- A newly announced transit plan by the BC government has earmarked \$2.8 billion for a rapid transit line to the UBC campus
- TransLink, in partnership with the City, UBC, and other stakeholders, will launch a planning program and public process for the UBC Line this spring.
- Contact COV Randy Pecarski at 604-873-7810 for progress

7. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 11, 7 to 9 pm at Native Education Centre

Meeting Adjourned